



Staff Report

Agenda Item: PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED MUNICIPAL WATER RATE INCREASE AND CREATION OF A WATER SYSTEM REPLACEMENT SURCHARGE – A public hearing to receive input from the public with regard to a proposal to increase the Clarkdale Municipal Water Rates and create a Water System Replacement Surcharge.

Staff Contact: Wayne Debrosky, Utilities Director

Meeting Date: June 22, 2010

Background: A worksession was held at the April 27th Council meeting which presented a proposed water rate structure for the Clarkdale Municipal Water Utility. During that meeting, Council directed the staff to move forward in the process for a water rate increase. On May 3, 2010, the Notice of Intent to Set Water Rates and the report with the data supporting the increase of water rates was submitted to the Town Clerk as required by A.R.S. 9-511.01. A Public Hearing is required by A.R.S. 9-511.01 in order for the Council to receive public comments about any proposed water rate increases before the Council can officially consider adopting the proposed water rate increase.

A.R.S. 9-511.01 governs the process to set rates:

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| May 3, 2010 | The Utilities Director filed report with data supporting the increase of rates with Town Clerk |
| May 11, 2010 | Council adopted the Notice of Intent to Set Water Rates at the May Regular Council meeting. |
| May 14, 2010 | Public Hearing Notice published in newspaper. (Not less than 20 days prior to the public hearing.) |
| June 22, 2010 | Hold Public Hearing & Consider Adoption of Rates by Resolution. (Not less than 30 days after adoption of Notice of Intent.) |
| July 22, 2010 | Rates become effective. (30 days after the adoption of the Resolution) |

Recommendation: This is a Public Hearing and no Council action is required.